

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 191  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Howell H. Sherrod of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Howell H. Sherrod of Johnson City, an innovative and caring physician, philanthropist, and community leader; and

WHEREAS, a native of Madisonville, Dr. Sherrod received a Bachelor's Degree from East Tennessee State University and earned his M.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in 1941; and

WHEREAS, a consummate patriot, Dr. Sherrod then went on to serve for three years during World War II in the U.S. Naval Reserves as a medical officer in Saipan; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Dr. Sherrod returned home to Johnson City, where he founded Watauga Orthopedics, a private practice in orthopedic medicine; he was engaged in private practice for 42 years and served as the team doctor for East Tennessee State University athletics for each of those 42 years; and

WHEREAS, himself a veteran, Dr. Sherrod understood the needs of veterans, and consequently served as a Senior Orthopedic Consultant at the Veterans Administration Hospital for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, a natural-born leader, Dr. Sherrod was involved in many professional and civic organizations in many capacities, including being Founder and President of the Watauga Orthopedic Professional Association, one of the Founders of the Upper East Tennessee Crippled Children's Clinic, a Diplomate and member of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, a President of the Tennessee Orthopedic Society, the Founder and First Chairman of the Board of North Side Hospital, one of the Founders of the Free State of Franklin Orthopedic Society of Sports Medicine, a member of the East State University Foundation and Alumni Association, a member of the American Orthopedic Society of Sports Medicine, and President of the Tulane-Caldwell Orthopedic Society, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, an innovative and talented physician, Dr. Sherrod was a member of the HyperBaric and Undersea Medical Society, and he brought the first HyperBaric oxygen unit in Tennessee to Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, a creative and generous philanthropist, Dr. Sherrod, along with his wife, Alice, donated \$50,000 to establish the Dr. Howell and Alice Sherrod Surgery Resident Research Fund in the James H. Quillen College of Medicine's Department of Surgery in 1995; the fund is designed to support research activities involving presentations, abstracts, and publications for physicians in the surgery resident program; and

WHEREAS, renowned as his alma mater's "Number One Fan," Dr. Sherrod was an Honoree and member of the East Tennessee State University Pirate Club Hall of Fame and had been named Outstanding Alumnus of the Year at East Tennessee State University in 1978; and

WHEREAS, a deeply spiritual man, Dr. Sherrod was a charter member of Downtown Christian Church where he was an Elder Emeritus and a member of the Willing Workers Sunday School Class; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sherrod was the son of the late Dr. Charles C. Sherrod, who served as the second President of East Tennessee State University, and Carrie Lee Hood Sherrod; and

WHEREAS, his many professional achievements aside, Dr. Sherrod was most grateful for the love and companionship he shared with his wife, Alice, his children, Howell, Jr., Rebecca Rader, C. Edgar, and William Dean, and his eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sherrod was a model Tennessean, embodying the ideals of compassion, intelligence, and commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to the life of this remarkable physician, philanthropist, innovator, and public servant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and celebrate the life of Dr. Howell Hood Sherrod, reflecting fondly upon his stalwart commitment to his patients, his family, his university, and his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer our most sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Sherrod.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.